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### WEDNESDAY...

The Festival on Main takes over downtown Georgetown tomorrow (Saturday) and the Farmers' Market returns. See photos Wednesday.

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### The mighty Quinn

As graduates from the Village Montessori School at St. George's Church observed their graduation exercises Monday, no one was more exuberant than Quinn McMahon, 4, as she belted out *O Canada* at the beginning of the ceremony.  
Photo by Ted Brown

## Improvement plan for town seeks input from public

CYNTHIA GAMBLE  
Staff Writer

The public will be able to have their say about a new Town community improvement plan (CIP), now in its initial stages, at an open meeting in the council chambers at the Halton Hills Civic Centre on Wednesday (June 25).

CIPs are designed to revitalize flagging economic areas in the town with incentives for private landowners and investors.

The public information centre will be held between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and will allow the public to ask questions of Town planning staff and consultants about the strategies included in a recent CIP Strategy Discussion Paper. There will be no formal presentation, but will include display boards and feedback opportunities.

The Chamber, Acton and Georgetown BIAs, agricultural community and brownfield landowners will also be consulted.

Part of the Discussion Paper focuses on the future development and improvement of five key specific areas in the Town such as the Guelph St. retail area; Downtown Georgetown; Downtown Acton; Georgetown GO Station lands; agricultural lands and brownfield sites.

Town consultant Steve Willis told council recently, "Downtown Georgetown is quite healthy in many ways and would be the envy of many of my other clients... Main Street is very attractive with very significant investment into it and pays off with the quality of services you find on the street. And one of the litmus tests I always use is how many banks still exist in the downtown. I think you would have one of the highest number in the core of historic downtown."

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